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Council On Aging Minutes 10/22/2009

TOWN OF ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 22, 2009

Opening : The regular meeting of the Board of COA was called to order at 7:07pm on October 22,2009 by Chair AnnFitzGerald.

Present: Annette Bender, Joanne Morel, Harry McCabe, Bill Carey, Ann FitzGerald

Visitors: Art Budnik, Friends of the COA, Andrew Fisher, resident, presenting PACE program

Absentees: Lucilia Prates, Karen Nichols, Mildred Hurd

Order of Business : Approval of Minutes Meeting June 18,2009 so moved by Bill Carey and seconded by Harry McCabe.
 Discussion about Sevoyan Trust Fund on November 17, 2009 Meeting.

Report of Chair: attended 4 meetings of Joint Boards. Outcomes were that outreach is essential for ASA and COA programs, funds are needed to continue Transportation /van service, outreach to other Seniors needed.

Become more visible in community, involve clergy, police. Town Day a success.

Selectmen declared Senior Citizen's month at Sept.14th meeting.

Discussed need to decrease COA portion mailing expenses ASA for newsletter as Gift Fund depleted.

Warrants discussed in Exec. Directors report.

Citizens OpenForum: Art Brudnick Friends of COA reports \$300 raised at TownDay mostly by Dr. R.Carey. More ideas in works
 Andrew Fisher spoke about PACE program and Commonwealth Alliance for the medically indigent, at risk seniors with Medicare and Medicaid coverage. He will return with a spokesperson, Dr. Masters and Lois Simon.

Executive Directors Report: John recommends 4 warrant articles which must be completed and sent to Town Manager. The terms of Sevoyan Trust and clinic funding are due for review.

Reports from other Committees: Joint Boards under report from Chair, no other reports

New Business: Warrant Articles are:

Harry Barber Community Funding for \$7500, Minuteman Senior Services request for portion of funding \$10,000;

Request Town to add to tax or water bill voluntary donation to the COA Transportation Enterprise Fund; to see if Town will cover the cost of mailing Senior Notes on annual basis; and snow removal by DPW from sidewalk for eligible Seniors. Motion to have John prepare warrants made and accepted.

Board agreed new Social Worker position needed with BSW entry level, Request must be made to Ms.Christine Sharkey, head of Department.

Unfinished Business: Governance Committee needed to work on Warrant Articles at Town Meeting, contact precinct reps before articles decided on, Attend FinCom meeting to defend our request for SW position.

Next Meeting: Sevoyan Trust update and review, warrant Articles, letter to Mrs.Sharkey on SW position, outreach efforts.
 Governance committee to be selected.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm by Ann. The next meeting will be Thursday November 19,2009 at 7pm at the Senior Center

Recorder, Joanne Morel

Transcribed by AnnFitzGerald

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REPORT OF CHAIR
NOVEMBER 11, 2009

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

A Chinese liaison would be useful to invite our Chinese speaking friends to Center and to invite them to hold Chinese exercise program at Center. Chinese New Year will be Feb.14, 2010; we can celebrate diversity and LOVE!

Requests for Muscle Strengthening are coming to ASA, funding source needed.

Outreach is on the agenda. We invite all to help draft a letter for the Advocate.

Church bulletins to attract more seniors and to let the residents know we are here!

Transportation and revenue needs also on our agenda.

Plans being formulated for an "END of LIFE SERIES", four workshops covering financial concerns, wills, health care proxy, funeral arrangements.

Please consider formation of Governance Committee to deal with warrant articles, appear before Finance Committee, advocate for COA at Town Meeting, get in touch with Precinct Captains.

Welcome to Annette Bender, our newest member.

Yours, Ann FitzGerald